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	<b>Filing Date</b>	May 24, 2001	
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Lee E. Cannon	
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3713	
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Not Yet Assigned	
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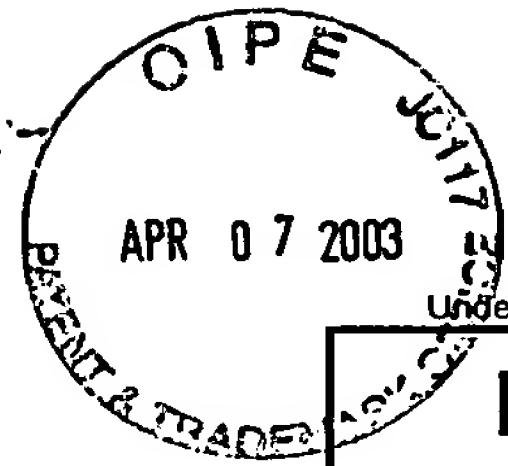
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20** =			
Independent Claims	3** =		
Multiple Dependent			

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)	1614; 1615			Claims - extra independent (over three); Claims - extra total (over 20)	546.00

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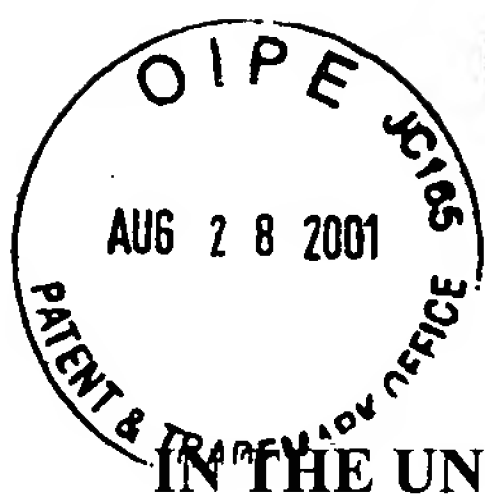
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**Examiner:** Unknown

**Group Art Unit:** 3713

**Attorney Docket No.:** 4624US  
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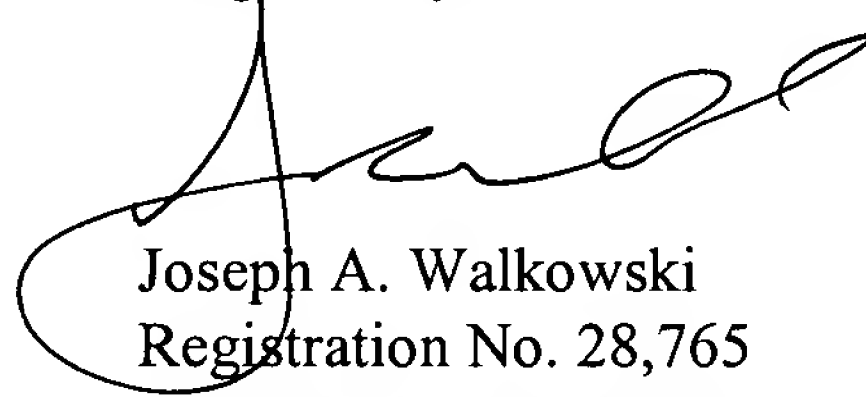
Enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, along with the following required items in connection with the above-referenced application: Declaration for Patent Application (With Power of Attorney) (2 total pages). This document is being filed within two (2) months from the mailing date of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Also enclosed are Preliminary Amendment with Appendix A (containing paragraphs [0001] through [0091]), Appendix B (containing paragraphs [0001] through [0091]), Appendix C (containing currently pending claims 1 through 47), and Appendix D (containing amended claims 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 21-24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 38-43 and 47), Letter to the Chief Draftsman and attached revised figures with annotations in red (1 sheet, 1 figure); Transmittal of Formal

Drawings Prior to Notice of Allowance; Formal Drawings (4 sheets, 5 figures); Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and attached references.

A check in the amount of \$1,566.00 is enclosed in payment of all required fees. If the amount of the check is insufficient, please debit Deposit Account No. 20-1469 for the remainder of the fee. If the amount is in excess of that required, please credit that deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: August 24, 2001

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Check No. 17189 in the amount of \$1,566.00  
Preliminary Amendment with Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, and  
Appendix D,  
Letter to the Chief Draftsman and attached revised figures with annotations in red  
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Transmittal of Formal Drawings Prior to Notice of Allowance (1 page); and  
Formal Drawings (4 sheets, 5 figures)  
Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages) with Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) and  
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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/864,927	05/24/2001	Lee E. Cannon	4624US (300-006)

CONFIRMATION NO. 2424

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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01	FE:101	710.00 OP	FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
02	FE:103	486.00 OP	
03	FE:102	240.00 OP	
04	FE:105	130.00 OP	

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$726.
  - \$486 for 27 total claims over 20.
  - \$240 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1566.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

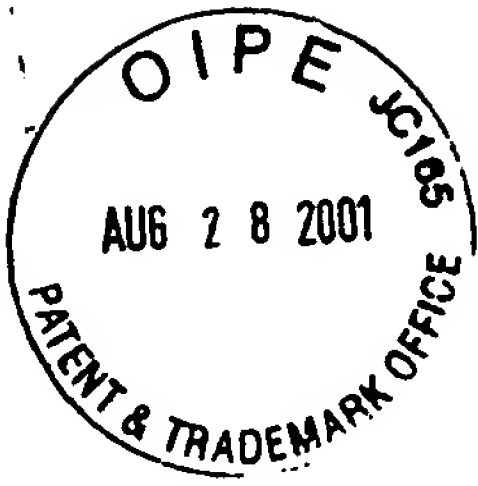
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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS PRIOR TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached please find the formal drawings for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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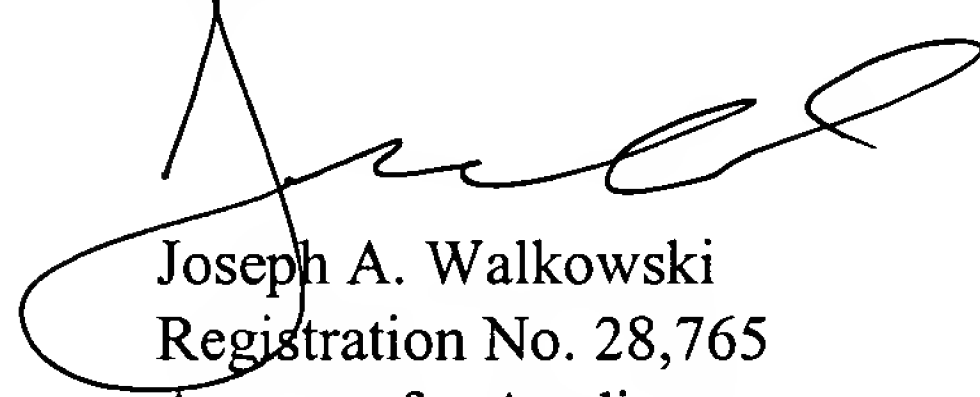
Applicants submit herewith revised FIG. 1 which corrects an error in the drawings. Specifically, FIG. 1 has been revised to change the lead line/arrow for reference numeral 200 in the upper right hand corner of the drawing. Attached is a copy of the drawing with the proposed change marked in red.



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No new matter has been added. Approval of the proposed revision is respectfully requested.

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